

**5TESTIMONY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**In Support of L.D. 757**

**An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs**

**SPONSORED BY: Representative SHORT of Pittsfield**

**CO-SPONSORED BY: Senator DUTREMBLE of York**

**Representative DAVIS of Sangerville**

**Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship**

**Representative GILBERT of Jay**

**Representative MARKS of Pittson**

**Representative WOOD of Sabattus**

**Senator BURNS of Washington**

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Good afternoon Senator Dutremble, Representative Shaw and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Colonel Joel Wilkinson of the Maine Warden Service representing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking in support of **L.D. 757**.

This bill allows a person to train dogs on pen-raised birds at any time without a hunting license.

If the committee chooses to support this bill as drafted, the Department would like the Committee to consider additional language that will prohibit people who are currently under revocation from not being permitted to train dogs. Current law prohibits violators who are under revocation from training their dogs as they need a license. Removing the need for a license would remove this prohibition and these individuals would then be able to engage in training while under revocation.

I would be glad to answer any questions at this time or during the work session.